

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| <i>In re</i> Application of: |) | |
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| Walter Baechtiger |) | |
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| Serial No.: 10/699,107 |) | Examiner: Sterrett, Jonathan G. |
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| Filed: October 31, 2003 |) | |
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| For: Network Branch Placement Tool |) | |

AMENDMENT & RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

In response to the Office Action of October 5, 2008, Applicant requests that the claims in the above-identified application be amended as set forth on page 2 of this paper. In view of such Amendments and the Remarks below, which begin on page 5 of this paper, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner allow claims 1, 10, 25 and 26.

The Office Action set a three month period for a response. With the attached Request for an Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and the payment submitted herewith in the amount of \$65, this response is being timely submitted.